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CENTRAL PIMA REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL FUNDING PLAN SUMMARY

Regional Allocation: \$7,598,625

Prioritized Needs	Proposed Strategies	Portion of Regional Allocation	Recommendation to the Board
Limited access to high quality early care and education programs and settings that provide an individualized continuum of support.	Strategy 1-Expand Quality First!	\$1,020,300	REQUEST FOR APPROVAL 1/27/09
Limited access to literacy based support services.	Strategy 2-Lang./Literacy Coaches	\$78,500	APPROVED 12/3/2008
Lack of professional development opportunities tied to college credit.	Strategy 3-Prof. Dev. w/college credit	\$584,500	APPROVED 12/3/2008
Lack of highly qualified professionals to serve all children birth through age five	Strategy 4-Expand T.E.A.C.H.	\$675,000	APPROVED 12/3/2008
Limited access to quality health care services for high risk families.	Strategy 5-Nurse home visiting	\$1,600,000	APPROVED 12/3/2008
Limited access to high quality early care and education programs and settings that provide an individualized continuum of care.	Strategy 6-Increase Infant/Toddler slots	\$1,050,000	APPROVED 12/3/2008
Limited access to comprehensive family education and support services.	Strategy 7-Expand home visiting	\$750,000	APPROVED 12/3/2008
Lack of highly qualified professionals to serve all children birth through age five	Strategy 8-Wage enhancement	\$450,000	APPROVED 12/3/2008
Inadequate number of professionals to address the behavioral health needs to young children.	Strategy 9-Child Care Mental Health Consult.	\$500,000	APPROVED 12/3/2008
Limited access to parent education and information.	Strategy 10-Expand info. in Parent Kits	\$150,000	APPROVED 12/3/2008
Limited access to high quality early care and education programs and settings that provide an individualized continuum of support.	Strategy 11-Support accredited centers to maintain their level of quality	\$300,000	REQUEST FOR APPROVAL 1/27/09

Limited knowledge by the community of the importance of early childhood health and development.	Strategy 12-Cross-regional Communications	\$200,000	HOLD
	Regional Needs & Assets	\$10,000	HOLD
	Evaluation	\$225,000	HOLD
	Subtotal of Expenditures	\$7,593,300	
	Fund Balance	\$5,325	
	Grand Total	\$7,598,625	



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December 29, 2008

Madame Chair and Members of the Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board,

The Central Pima Regional Partnership Council is requesting to present to the Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board the following strategies noted in the July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2012 Funding Plan for reconsideration and possible approval:

Strategy One: *Expanding the number of child care centers/family child care homes in the Central Pima County region participating in Quality First! beyond the statewide funded number. Original allocation presented in Funding Plan: \$1,174,300.*

Strategy Eleven: *FTF will provide resources and support to currently accredited centers, who are participating in Quality First! or who have committed to participating in the initial round of rating through the QIRS, to maintain their high level of quality. Original allocation presented in Funding Plan: \$146,000.*

At the December 3, 2008 Board meeting, the above strategies were requested to be temporarily held in order to clarify the intent of the full Council regarding specific pieces of both strategies. The request to temporarily hold these strategies derived from three central reasons:

- 1.) An earlier written version of the strategies, which indicated the Council's interest in purchasing *Quality First!* administrative supportive services for currently accredited early care and education programs was misinterpreted.
- 2.) The untimely transition of the Regional Coordinator; the Funding Plan was written by the current Regional Coordinator with a due date that marked her tenth day in the position.
- 3.) Due to the noted time constraints of the Regional Coordinator and due dates in place by First Things First, the Council was unable to provide additional input regarding the specifics of these two strategies for the Funding Plan.

The Central Pima Regional Partnership Council met on December 10, 2008 and reapproved the amounts for these two strategies as follows: Strategy One from the original allocation of \$1,174,300 to be reduced to \$1,020,300 and Strategy Eleven from the original allocation of

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\$146,000 increased to \$300,000. Therefore, the Central Pima Regional Partnership Council is respectfully requesting the Board to consider full approval of the Funding Plan with these revisions.

The intention and vision of each strategy remains the same; however the proposed allocation of funding will incur slight modifications to the originally submitted Funding Plan. In Strategy One, currently accredited centers would not have precedence when applying for regionally supported *Quality First!* slots. Furthermore, the additional allocation of funding placed into Strategy Eleven would entail an increased proposed service number of currently accredited programs to sustain high-quality early care and education environments. For example, an increased amount of accredited programs will be able to receive assistance in the reaccreditation process, support from a language and literacy coach and help in building libraries for young children.

Thank you for your consideration,



Dr. Andrew Arthur, Chair
Central Pima Regional Partnership Council